

REMARKS

Applicants discussed the pending claims on November 18, 2008 with Examiner Sisson and thank the Examiner for his time and courtesy extended during the interview. Applicants have amended the claims consistent with the interview.

By this amendment, Applicants have amended claims 32 and 39 to remove the phrase "the fragments are between 0.1 kb and 10.0 kb", and claims 56, 59, 60, and 61 to remove the phrase "upper and lower strands" to advance prosecution. Applicants have also canceled claims 33-35, 40-42, 46 and 50, without disclaimer. Claims 38 and 45 have been amended to clarify that the fragments are isolated and then amplified. Support for these amendments can be found in the specification, for example, at page 33 and Examples 1-2. No new matter has been added. Applicants respectfully request entry of this Supplemental Amendment and reconsideration of the application.

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding the present application, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number provided below.

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